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**Language Arts**

Story Elements

* Understand and recognize the following elements:
  + Plot
  + Setting
  + Characters
  + Theme

Death by Scrabble

* Know characters and major plot overview

Whirligig

* Identify major characters
* Know settings and major plot overview
* Identify major themes

Poetry

* Know and recognize major terms:
  + Figurative language
  + Imagery
  + Metaphor
  + Simile
  + Alliteration
  + Hyperbole
  + Irony
  + Personification

Witness

* Identify point of view characters
* Know major plot overview
* Identify major themes

Additional short story

* Know characters and major plot overview

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Social Studies

Civil War

* Key figures:
  + Abraham Lincoln
  + Gen. Robert E. Lee
  + Gen. Ulysses S. Grant
  + Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman
* Key battles – location and results:
  + 1st Bull Run
  + Antietam
  + Gettysburg
  + Vicksburg
  + March to the Sea
* Confederate and Union advantages
* Confederate and Union strategies

Reconstruction

* Differences between Lincoln/Johnson plans and Radical Republican plans
* Main content of Amendments:
  + 13th
  + 14th
  + 15th
* Ending of Reconstruction

Growth & Change

* Describe how technology and transportation influenced the country’s growth
* Recognize the role of immigration and its impact on lifestyle changes
* Explain how businesses and organized labor developed
* Explain the results of Spanish-American War

World War I

* Know:
  + Militarism
  + Nationalism
  + Imperialism
  + Alliance System

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Story Elements

* Understand and recognize the following elements:
  + Plot
  + Setting
  + Characters
  + Theme

The Cricket War

* Know major plot overview

The Pearl

* Identify major characters
* Know major plot overview
* Identify major themes

The House on Mango Street

* Know main characters
* Know major plot overview
* Identify major themes
* Recognize how writing style affects our understanding

Poetry

* Know and recognize major terms:
  + Figurative language
  + Imagery
  + Metaphor
  + Simile

Roots

* Meanings and examples for Lists 1-7

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**Social Studies**

Native Peoples

* Know major accomplishments of Mayas, Aztecs and Incas
* Describe the homes, food and customs of one group of people

Exploration

* Identify accomplishments and country explored for:
  + Columbus
  + Balboa
  + Magellan
  + Cabot
  + Hudson
* Describe Spanish conquest and Columbian Exchange
* Explain mercantilism

Colonization

* Name original 13 English colonies
* Know main details about Jamestown and Plymouth colonies
* Understand main details of government, rights and trade in the colonies
* Recognize colonial social classes
* Understand how and why slavery developed in the colonies
* Explain bartering

Steps to Revolution

* Explain causes and results of French & Indian War